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Christians Chided for Leaving Faith Which They Once Avowed

of backsliding. Text- Thy own wickedness shall coran evil thing and bitter that thou hast splittoon for you. I'd throw it at your forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my old head. Yes, sir. fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of Hosts."-Jeremiah, 3, 19,

In imagination I have seen a stately from its slip and leaves the foam-flecked tide, the people on board wave signals of old and higher one. farewell, and those on the shore shout, bon voyage!" The waters are calm, the sky is blue above, and all believe that the journey is to be one of profit or rises to a hurricane, and the waters are lashed into mighty waves and the ship helmsman. But it is too late. The great story of the vessel gone down with all

on board, unwept and unsung. Many start the voyage of the Christian life under the smiling skies and upon the harbor the sky becomes dark and sent his representatives to her and ofthe craft of their religion crashes upon fered her money and jewels to come, but the rocks. At first they are careful to she repulsed them and spurned their adobey the commands of God, but after vances. Again he sent them, this time the revival they neglect their duties and with offers still more generous and temptfinally come to wreck.

Reasons for Backsliding.

A friend of mine holding a meeting, asked how many who were present had been Christians, but were now backslid-Finally forty 'fessed up. Then he asked them for the reasons for their falling away. Finally a man got up and said he blackslid through believing that he could be a Christian and keep his store open on Sundays. A man that keeps his store open on Sundays is an anarchist. I

wouldn't buy \$1 worth from him. A young lady arose and said that she backalid because of cards. A friend had given a card party and she had to give one in reciprocity. She said she had invited a young man to attend, but that he didn't know what kind of a party it was to be. He came, but when he found out what it was he said he was sorry, but he must go, for he could not stay there. "I admired him for his loyalty to it's religion; he made me feel that I usn't worthy to have my name as a courch member," the young lady said. Another man stood up and said: "I hackelld when I voted for the saloon."

backelld before he voted that ticket, or be wouldn't have voted st. A young lady said: "I thought I could drove it into her own breast and fell

he a member of the church and dance." | dead across his body. Sure she could. You can be a member of come nebulous. And then," she said, "my | timidate. are. You wait until I get at it.

plar among church members, as you will not lie and will not sell out to the coule are going to find out before I am devil." brough in Omaha. I don't give that snapping his fingers) whether you like my preaching or not. Understand? It's question of whether you are interested in decency. If you live wrong you can't die right. Emerson said: "What you are steaks so loudly that I cannot hear what

People say to me: "Why is it so great a sin if a man, finding himself failing in the Christian life, quits it?" He can find himself failing in business or society and ouft with honor-why not in religion? with honor-why not in religion? and miles around Ames, Is., knows Per-Well, religion is not a business or social ley. And lots of people all over the mierprise, It is not for time, money, politics, applause of society, but for Gid. Not every backslider is an apostate, but every apostate is a backslider. Peter was a backslider, and what he did so "Billy" Sunday worked summers when preyed upon his mind that he did not he was a boy.

I have never tabooed but two towns in my life, and one of these was a little town in lows, where I once held a meet- with a pocketful of marbles to see Mayor ing before I really became an evangelist. Sheldon. He showed him over the hers. There were only two church members in the place, and there was an intum of their own in that community.

Business and Religion.

In business life, crises come unforedoesn't know you too well. At the bank more than it had with the salcons. when signed by God's loyal followers, but the prop-when signed by God's loyal followers, between turned down. If you result of the closing of the saloons that come with honest heart God will honor there is that much additional for the the appeal if your hands are red with city.

There is no man I so love and delight to honor as the man who is true. There is no woman I so delight to honor as the young women who is true. There is no one I so abhor as a man or weman whose words are untruth and whose word is an unenduring sand. I may diffor from a man in politics, religion or business, and if he is living up to his highest ideals, even if I think his ideals or religion are wrong, I respect him and will do my best to clear up the errors and lead him to the higher light through

the word of Jerus Christ. "In a campaign like this, for some little thing many men will sell out. There are men whose honor and manhood hang like meat in a butcher shop, for sale at so much a pound. I thank God, though, that most men are honest and most women are virtuous, and that even the minority can be made to yield when you

preach the gospel right. God has marked out the same path for both men and for women. Away with the hellish doctrine of a double standard of living in this twentieth century. It makes no difference whether the one whe sins wears a plug hat or a petticoat think that because you wear whiskers and where-Advertisement

"Billy" Sunday at the tabernacle last breeches that you are privileged by God. night preached a sermon on the subject She has as good a right as you have to walk down the street with a half a plug of tobacco sticking out of her mouth and rect thee. Thy backsliding shall reprove splitting enough to drown a jackrabbit as thee, Know, therefore, and see that it is you have. I wouldn't clean out your old

"There is many a fellow looking in my face who, if his wife did what he does, would be whining around the courts for ship sailing from port, its decks crowded a divorce. Man has cut for his own use with passengers. As it moves away a pathway below that marked by God, but he insists that his wife keep to the

"God has not one plan for you and another for her.

"I can imagine a man being untrue in business. I can imagine him being un-But just beyond the harbor the true in politics. I can even-but it is sky blackens and becomes as adamant, difficult-imagine him being untrue to the the wind rises to a gale and the gale vows made at the altar-but to be untrue to God! Be untrue to God and you. will lose heaven and lose all. Be true wallows like a monster in distress. The to God and you will lose hell. I pray watchman on the bridge cries: "Break- that God will so work upon the coners ahead!" and the order to change the sciences of you backsliders who hear me course, "Hard a-port!" is shouted to the that you will cry sait tears and turn and roll upon your pillows when you go ship strikes upon the reafs and is lost, home tonight and seek a dry spot that and on the next day only the circling He may reproach you until you have gulls that fly about the wreckage tell the been stung into a return to the God to whom you have been false. One Fine Woman.

heathen woman named Panathea was famous for her great beauty, and King smooth waters, but as they sall out of Cyrus wanted her for his harem. He ing, but again she sent them away with scorn. A third time she said 'Nay.' Then King Cyrus went in person to see her and he doubled and trebled and quadrupled the offers his men had made, but still she would not go. She told him that she was a wife, and that she was true to her hus-

> "He said, 'Panathea, where dwellest "In the arms and on the breast of

my husband,' she said. 'Take her away,' said Cyrus. 'She is of no use to me.' Then he put her husband in command of the charioteers and sent him into battle at the head of the troops. Panathea knew what this meantthat her husband had been sent in that he might be killed. She waited while the battle raged, and when the field was cleared she shouted his name and searched for him, and finally found him wounded and dying. She knelt and clasped him in her arms, and as they kissed his lamp of life went out forever. King Cyrus heard of the man's death and came to the field. Panathea saw him coming, careening on his camel like a ship in a storm. She called, 'Oh, hus-You bet he did or he wouldn't have band! He nes-he shall not have me. voted for the dirty thing. Why, he I was true to you in life, and will be true to you in death.' And she drew her

"King Cyrus came up and dismounted. the church and a burgiar, too, but not a | He removed his turban and knelt by the member of the body of Christ. She said, dead husband and wife, and thanked his "I attended a dance and found my desire God that he had found in his kingdom to pray diminishing. I attended another one true and virtuous woman that his and I found my desire to pray had be- money could not buy, nor his power in-

dead husband's poniard from its sheath

desire to pray disappeared." I tell you "People of Omaha, preachers, the prob-Playing Christian who amounted to any the first century. We must win the world school teaches : to be a doctor, the law made report of no accession on confesthing. The dance is a quagmire of wreck- for God, and we will win the world for school teaches ; ou to be an attorney, and sion of faith. Christ said to preach the I'm against a lot of amusements pop- women who will be faithful to God and

Two Mayors Call On "Billy" Sunday for Old-Time Sake

Perley Sheldon called on "Billy" Sunday at his hotel Wednesday morning. Who is Perley Sheldon? Why, you ought to know him. Everybody for miles

country know him. He's been mayor of Ames for the last quarter century. He's a banker and a was a backelider, but he came back and land owner and a politician and a statespreached that sermon at Pentecost. Judas man. And he's the man on whose farm

He went out, but he nevers Perley is about three score and ten now, but still hale and hearty and active in business, politics and human progress, "Billy" Sunday was as happy as a boy That fown had an infidel club of 150 mem- apartments of the Sunday party and they had a long visit fogether.

With Mayor Sheldon of Ames was terrogation point after them at that Mayor Moeller of Davenport. Mayor They could have started a foundling eay- Moeller of Davenport stated that the revaluation of Davenport property for taxation purposes since the saloons have been blotted out, annihilated and done seen. Hard times come. When they do away with in accordance with the sovyou may be able to get away with an ereign will of the people, has resulted in overdraft at the bank if the cashler giving the city an income of \$36,000 a year of leseven no checks on God's mercy micros the salcon licenses, but the prop-

Billyisms

"Fill bet there are a bunch of people here today who only read the Bible when they are sick."

"The poorest stick in the world to do personal work is a young preacher just out of the seminary."

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"A lot of you haven't any consciences." "Keep your feelings buttoned up under your dress and I won't trample on

"The devil never gets gout or rheu-matism or appendicitis. He is always on the job."

and trot square with both."

(Mo.), News, writes: "Two months ago to glory. Young fellow, your sister has as good a 1 took a severe cold which settled in my The poorest stick in the world to do right to live as you do, as you have. She lungs and I had such pains in my lungs personal work is the young preacher just has as good a right to walk up street I feared pneumonia. I got a bottle of out of the seminary Why? Because smoking a cigarette as you have. Your Foley's Honey and Tar and it straight- they minimize and even laugh at personal 25 cents for the dinner when it came wife has as good a right to line up before ened me up immediately. I can recom- work in the seminary. bar and hit the boose as you have. She mend it to be a genuine cough and lung Two-thirds of the theological teachers hat as good a right to go to the corner medicine." Many mothers write this never had any experience in soni saving grecery in the svening and sit around triable medicine cored their children of We are preaching people to death. At and put her feet up on the slove and tell croup. Hay Fever and asthma sufferers the prayer meeting the preacher gets up smulty stories as you have. Don't you say it gives quick relief. Bold every- and gives his scripture lesson and maybe

Sundayisms at the Tab as Caught by Our Staff Artist



Wise Man is He Who Would Help Win Souls to Christ, Says Sunday is it? Jesus Christ and salvation. Then

Should Make It His Business to Speak to Friend of Christ.

BUSINESS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Billy" Sunday's sermon yesterday afternoon was as follows: "He That Winneth Souls Is

Christ said: "Follow Me, and I will make you a fie of men." The medical God just as soon as we have men and the church should teach people to save gorpel to all the world, and that means

If you do not, then you are not fishers

Any church that does not believe in the isn't authorized by God, and if a church isn't authorized it degenerates into a work, for he was too busy.

third rate amusement bureau.

John would have said that

The majority of the Christian people never speak about Christ to others. I want to urge everybody to engage in personal work. Each of you write down five names of members of your own family and ask how many of them belong to the church. Some of you may find one or two of that number are church members. Why are so many people outside the church? The church is at fault. Each of

you should be a fisher of men. That is why we have Christian Science, the holy rollers and so forth. The preachers are chasing fade instead of souls. I like to see people afraid I'll talk religion. ness. The trouble is the last thing people give to Christ is their tongues.

It's your business to be a Christian. If Christian. If you are a doctor, you are a doctor to pay expenses, and your busi-ness is to be a Christian. You work for a living to pay expenses, but your business is to be a Christian.

Opportunity to Do Good. Regard life as an opportunity to do fauit. good and bring somebody from sin. Your business is to find the lost. It's not the church's business to educate people. It's their business to save people.

Thousands of college graduates are going as fast as they can straight to If I had \$1,000,000 I would give \$909,999 to the church and \$1 to education. Not that I belittle education, but I believe that it's not intellect, but religiou that will save mon.

The church's business is to save from hell thousands who would be caught napping by the devil if they weren't put wise to his dirty tricks. The sconer you get the importance of an evangelical ing, but they'll never bother about salrement through your heads, the better you'll be off. Not that I have anything against edu-

cation, but education without prayer is the biggest farce. I think the best education is the knowledge of the Bible. I'll bet there are a bunch of people here today who only read the Bible when they're sick. I'll bet there are a lot of people here who only pray when they

are in need of a doctor The church is wrong today when it preaches fifty weeks in the year to the church members and two weeks to those outside. It should be two weeks to the church and fifty weeks to the ousiders. And one person can set a church on fire

Church of the Future. "You can't live half the time with one I tell you the church of the future man and half the time with another must have personal work and prayer. The trouble with some churches is that they think the preacher is a sort of eccles-Newspaper Man recommends It. lastical locomotive, who will snort and R. R. Wentworth of the St. James, puff and pull the whole bunch through

one elder or deac ness or somebody makes

Evangelist Declares that Each One a prayer, but the only reason we know it's a prayer meeting is because it comes

> If all the Methodist preachers would Baptist preachers would each save a soul activity, but accomplishing nothing. saved in a year. If all the other evangel- oyster soup or run a bazar. ical preachers would save a soul a month there would be 1,425,000 souls saved in a year.

Over 7,000 Protestant churches last year every creature in the world,

Work to Save Souls.

Christ had a quick eye in working to save souls. He passed Matthew at the seat of customs. If He h listened to divinity of Jesus Christ, heaven or hell His disciples probably Peter would have advised him to leave the publican at his

John would have said that the old robber was thinking of nothing but making money, and James would have advised that Christ wait for a more favorable

But Christ said to Matthew: "Follow Me, and I will make you a fisher of mon," and Matthew jumped up and left the money on his table and followed Jesus Christ, and through him how many thousands were saved!

All along life's journey you will find men and women without Jesus Christ. Church members must be careful of their behavior. If the Lord calls and That's my business. That's your busi- you don't hear and have good hearing, it's your fault.

That is the reason so many of you trail after new religions, new heresies you are a lawyer you are a lawyer to pay and other fol-de-rols. You are trying expenses, and your busines is to be a to get something which you would have now if you went to God's church with sincerity in your heart.

If the Lord provides wood and coal and you are too lazy to get it and you freeze, it's your fault. If He didn't provide it and you from, it would be His

If you're starving and the Lord provides food and you are too lazy to eat it, it's your fault if you starve. If sin separates you from God and He hides His face and won't serve you, it's your

The way to begin personal work for God is to begin at home. Many members of a family will talk all day, but they'll never say a thing about saving souls. They'll talk about the club and the theater, and how many teeth the baby has, and about the hired girl leav-

vation or Jesus Christ. There is always an opportunity to do personal work. You can do it on the train and in the restaurant or on the

You hear a whole lot about "mixers. I want to tell you that ministers ought to get out and mix up with people instead of being staid and stiff and lim iting their personal work to spouting from the pulpit.

I like a minister to get out and rub. shoulders with his people. When you see a man on the street who looks as though he had formaken Jesus, just rush up to him and get in a little personal work for the Lord. The saving of souls should be carried

on every minute and every hour and every day, and not limited to services Sunday morning or in the Sunday school

Docks His Washerwoman. I knew a man who used to yell "amen" at the prayer meetings and paid his washerwoman 50 cents for doing the washing. One day he invited her to dinner, and I'll be hornewaggled if the miserable old scalawag didn't dock her time to pay for the washing.

And then during a meeting the old skin flint secondrel had the nerve to go : p to the woman and ask her to be a Christian "You go away or I'll sp't in your face,"

You cannot serve God and mammo

A lot of you church minbers try to prove God a liar right there. You so body about Christ. They tell me there to the theater on Tuesday night, go to prayer meeting on Wednesday night, so to a dance Thursday night and a rari you say what his drowds are coming to the collection that "you have been a sari you say what his drowds are coming to can't get something for nothing." party Priday night, and then on Sun- to the meetings. So they are, but what day morning go to church and occupy

a space seventeen inches square. I believe that the Lord allows me as much liberty as a regenerated conscience permits. I'm not talking about your consciences; a lot of you haven't any. I might do something that would not hurt me, but I do not believe in doing it if it might lead somebody else to do wrong or make it harder for him to do right.

At Ephesus Paul would not eat meat, ecause a man told him that it had been used as a sacrifice to an idol and to eat t would make it harder for him to do Paul said: "If meat makes my brother

to offend, I will eat no meat.' As he slammed it down, a yellow dog grabbed it and ran up the alley with it.

If my playing cards makes it harder for omeone else to do right. I'll burn every dirty card in the house. If you are a Christian you will do it, too. If you are not you won't do It. May Pass the Collection Plate.

It's my experience that the church member who won't do personal work has some sin in his or her life. The devil will let you pass the collection plate or anything else, but not personal work. And every excuse you offer for not do-

ing personal work is of the devil. The Lord will not give you any excuses. A woman said to me: "Mr. Sunday, you hurt my feelings."

Then don't spread your feelings all over, or it'll' be my business to tramp on them. Keep them buttoned up under your dress I got a letter from a man in Chicago who had been trustee of a church, and they elected somebody else to the position. He was going to quit the church because they had elected another man trustee

The idea! Some people are so touchy. I don't see how some preachers keep their patience trying to handle them.

Who is the Wise Man? Who is wise? You say the millionaire is wise, the mayor, the judge, the governor, the educator, the superintendent of schools, the principal of the high school, the people who don't worry and live their lives for pleasure, the inventor. But what does the Lord say? The Lord says: "He who winneth souls is wise." God says to others: "You fool."

or you are a Christian you are wise: if you are trying to do right you are wise. If you believe there is a God you are wise. If you don't you are a fool. You will all pass away. Look how the great men of other days have passed away. "But he that winneth souls is wise. He shall shine as the stars for-

ever and ever." Suppose I had an invention to make gold out of ashes. I would have no trouble to float a stock company to back me, because the stockholders would make fabulous fortunes.

why don't you go to people and talk

Many People Like Squirrels. I believe that lack of efficient personal work is one of the curses of the each save a soul a month there would church today. The people of the church be 460,000 souls saved a year. If all the are like squirrels in a cage. Lots of a month there would be 425,000 souls don't require a Christian life to sell

It doesn't require much wisdom to get a man's money. Out in Chicago the getrich-quick schemes rob the people of \$52,000,000 a year. If I had the money that has gone out of Omaha for these schemes I'd be able to pay the expenses of a come revival meetings like this.

about the other 190,000? Many people won't come and hear me, but you can touch them with personal work.

Devil Always on the Job. The devil never gets gout, rheumatlam or appendicitis. He's always on

"Playing cards don't hurt me,"

grace as to be hoboes counting the ties ver God's division.

Don't spread your feelings all over the tabernacie if you don't want me to step

We can't all preach and we can't all sing. If I'd sing you'll all go out through the windows and if Rody would start to preach you'd follow suit.

sang all his songs to two tunes. One of them was "Yankee Doodle" and the

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Speak to the Clerk. Make it a rule of your life to speak to mebody every day about his or her soul. I can't preach everywhere, I can't preach in a trolley car, but I can say something to the conductor about God; I can't preach in a store, but I can speak to the clerk. So can you. It's your duty to do that. Do it, and you'll re write the history of the church here, and (who can tell?) maybe the state and the

whole country. Moody, when he was a secretary of the Young Men's Christian association in Chicago, made that a rule of his life. He wouldn't think of going to bed without saying a word to somebody. Once he did it after a hard day's work. The devil said: "Now, Moody, you're tired; just stay wher you are and go to bed."

It was raining very hard, and he put on his raincoat and boots, got an umbrella and started out. He wasn't on the street very long before he met a man without an umbrella. After speaking to the man, Moody asked him if he was a Christian. The fellow said he wasn't and told Moody he had backelld, that he was raised in a good Christian home, Moody lent him the umbrella and walked with him to his

Now, then. That man was converted, became very rich in business and was forever afterward one of Moody's warmest and stanchest friends. Whenever Moody would need money for some campaign that man was the first to dig down and give it to him.

So get busy, church people. The trouble is you've never let God manifest His power through you. Let Him do it and see how you'll be blessed.

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s gone out of Omaha for these I'd be able to pay the expenses or revival meetings like this.

Tuesday evening had been announced as "quarter night" at the tabernacle. If Eaking the addition of the everybody in the audience had given a quarter deliar the collection would have been \$3,20. The collection was \$577.56, a trifle over a nickel apiece. Eleven out ers.

Billy Sunday believes in woman suf-frage. In one of his Tuesday sermons he said: 'It's an idiotic law that allows a frowsy, bleary-eyed, whisky-soaked. a frower, blears-eyed, whisky-sosked, awearing, spewing, sputtering, uneducated, half-witted creature to vote just because he wears pants and keeps a bright, alert, intelligent, up-to-date, progressive, useful creature from voting just because

ite wenra skirts. "Playing cards don't hurt me," you say. God pity you it sends thousands of souls to hell, and for decency's make can't you give it up?

Tou can't live half the time with one man and the other half with another, and trot square with both of 'em.

God's disgusted with you and so is the devil; and when the devil and the Lord both pass you up, you're up against it.

You'd just as well be millionaires in grace as to be hoboes counting the time.

"Billy" Sunday, "Ma" Sunday, Homes Rodeheaver and others in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the tabernacle work receive letters from all sorts and conditions of people, some suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the ushers, received a letter from a will be used to be used to be used to be suggesting and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the ushers, received a letter from a will be used to be some and others asking for information. A. W. Bowman, in charges of the ushers are carried to be used to be use

Try to Oust Farmer Before Harvest on Indian Reservation

I can sing but two tunes. Like Gen-eral Grant, of whom it was said, he edge of the Winnebago Indian reservation, decided this spring that he needed some more land to plant corn on, and so he plowed up thirty acres of ground inside the Indian reservation adjoining his place. He planted his corn and tended it carefully during the summer, and was pleased to see that the crop was fine Hardly a better field was in the neighborhood. But along toward the end of the summer Abner St. Cvr. the Winnebage to whom the thirty acres belonged, happened to look over his territory and discovered this piece of ground under oultivation. He immediately notified the authorities of the fact, and told them be would like to have Giffert kicked out before the crop became ripe enough to garner. So the great white father in Washington had his minions get busy, and now they are lawfully ejecting Gilfert,

Omaha Women Interested in Big Suffrage Meeting

Omaha friends of Representative and Mrs. William Kent of California, cousing of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Burke, are interested in Mrs. Kent's activities in connection with the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage meeting now being held at the exposition. Mrs. Kent was entertained by the local Equal Franchis society at a large tea at the Hotel Fontenelle early in the summer, when she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Burks. Mrs. Kent gave a reception and ton to the Congressional Unionists at her home, Kentfield, Tuesday, and will preside at

the business session of the convention,

Thursday. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont,

Mme. Maria Montessori, Mrs. Phoebe

Hearst, Madame All Kull Khan of Persia, Alice Paul, Margaret Anglin and

Mabel Taliaferro are among the wellknown women who will address the con-CHICAGO LABORERS ARE

TOUCHED ON STREETS HERE Marco Sarko and Peter Posaman, la-borers of Chicago, were impeded in their progress at Fifteenth and Cass streets Tuesday evening by two men who presented revolvers and demands for money. Eakro reported to the police he contributed \$5 and his companion gave \$2 toward the fund being raised by the strang-

